

SANDOR NIMETI'S
DOUBLE CRIME.

A Yonkers Butcher Slays His
Young Stepdaughter and
Commits Suicide.

Enraged Because the Pretty Girl Had
Gone Away to Escape His
Offensive Attentions.

ASTROLOGER'S PROPHECY FULFILLED

Violent Death Before His Thirty-seventh
Year Had Been Predicted for the
Butcher, and He Rounded
Out the Destiny.

For more than a year sixteen-year-old
Merl Butkoffski had endured the loveless
attentions of her step-father, Sandor Ni-
meti. On Friday he became so intolerable
that she left his home, and yesterday
morning the desperate man murdered her
and himself.

A small room in the rear of a butcher
shop, at No. 43 Ashburton avenue, Yonkers,
was the scene of the tragedy. The shop
was purchased by Nimeti two weeks ago.
He was an industrious man, who had been
in the United States twelve years, and bore
a good reputation among his neighbors, save
that he was known to be infatuated with his
step-daughter. He had worked in a
print mill, where his step-daughter was
also employed, and saved enough money to
buy the butcher shop.

Merl had developed into a lively-skinned
little beauty, with vivacious manner and
dark, bright eyes. When Nimeti was no
longer able to see her during the day, he
insisted upon being with her constantly
in the evening.

Four weeks ago a bitter quarrel occurred
between Nimeti and his wife. The girl
had told her mother that her stepfather
had hugged and kissed her.

"I am going to leave here," she said.
"I will not stay in the house with him any
longer."

"If you leave this house, I will kill you,"

Nimeti said, "do you understand?"
To emphasize his meaning he took two
pistols that he had brought from Poland
and showed them to the girl. After he
had retired his wife hid the weapons. Last
Friday the girl quietly placed her belong-
ings in a valise and repaired to the home
of her mother's brother, Michael Witow-
ski, where she spent the night. Mrs.
Nimeti refused to tell her husband where
Merl was, and he paced the floor until
morning, alternately declaring his love for
her and threatening to kill her for her dis-
obedience.

At 8 o'clock he went in search of her at
the factory and while he was gone Merl
entered the house. She was in the kitchen
when Nimeti returned.

"Where have you been?" he demanded.
"I will not tell you," the girl replied. "I
am not going to live here any more."

Nimeti, in a rage, swore that he would
"see the Judge" and have her compelled to
live at his home. He left the house for a
few minutes, then walked back through the
store, passing his wife, who was wait-
ing on a customer, looking
the door behind him, and through the bed-
room, where his children were sleeping, he
went into the kitchen. Mrs. Nimeti heard
voices, followed by a shot. Then there
were two more shots, and, after an inter-
val, a fourth. She rushed to the locked
door and beat it with her hands. Then
she ran to the street and told her brother,
who was arranging meat on the sidewalk,
what had happened. He summoned a
policeman Cooley, who burst open the door.
Nimeti was lying on the passage between
the two rooms, supported on one elbow,
and trying to point the pistol at his step-
daughter, who lay huddled in a corner of
the kitchen. The officer wrested the
weapon from his hand. The girl was dead.
Before a doctor could arrive Nimeti, too,
was dead.

In the confusion attending their hasty
entrance to the room the policeman had
failed to notice a trembling little figure
crouched behind the stove. A great his-
terical sob called attention to it, and the
policemen and neighbors drew the child
forth. It was Rosa Nimeti, seven years
old. She had been locked in the room and
was the only witness of the tragedy.

What took place there she told to a Journal
reporter with the aid of an interpreter.
Her father, she said, had caught Merl by
the hair and forced her into a corner.
"Will you love me?" he asked in Slavic.
"No, no, no," replied the girl. "I never
will."

Then her father placed the revolver close
to her breast and fired. The bullet passed
through the heart and she fell without a
groan.

Nimeti promptly pointed the weapon at
his left breast and fired twice. These shots
also found their way to the heart, but he
did not die instantly. He reeled, and while
falling fired again at the murdered girl.
Then he talked incoherently until the offi-
cers burst in the door.

Nimeti and his wife had been married ten
years. He was thirty-six years old, but
looked younger. He had said frequently to
his wife that he was certain he would not
live to be thirty-seven years of age, as his
mother had told him that an astrologer
predicted at his birth that he would die a
violent death by his own hand or that of an
other before he should reach the age of
thirty-seven.

"I thought he only said that to frighten
Merl," said the widow yesterday. "But now
I see he couldn't help it."

Mrs. Nimeti's brother, who notified the po-
lice of the shooting, is an assistant in the
shop, and calmly attended to his commer-
cial duties through the subsequent excite-
ment.

"It was a good advertisement for the
place," he remarked to a group of reporters,
with the utmost gravity. "There was never
so many customers here as there was to-
day."

An autopsy will be held at 1 o'clock this
morning.

For Poor Mrs. Rooney and Her

"Little Vincent," of No. 512 West Forty-
third street, and "Co," of No. 44 Leonard
street, have come forward to the Journal
\$1 for Mrs. Rooney, of No. 513 West Forty-
third street, and her little children. The
pathetic story of Mrs. Rooney's poverty
was told in the Journal yesterday.

Dropped Dead on a Ferryboat.

Charles P. O'Donnell, a well known and
wealthy purchaser, of Washington Market, in this
city, while returning home on the 12:30 boat
yesterday morning to New Brighton, S. I.,
dropped dead as he was descending the cabin
steps of the ferryboat. Dr. Joseph P. Dr. Joseph
Dorff, performed an autopsy, which showed that
death had been caused by cancer of the liver.



FLAG ADOPTED FOR BALLINGTON BOOTH'S NEW ARMY.

The ground is white, emblematic of purity. A blue star in the centre
stands for Hope, while the white cross upon it signifies sacrifice for others.
The white stars on a blue field in the upper corner represent the States of the
Union. Each post of "God's American Volunteers," as the new organization
is to be known, will have its number underneath the centre star.

NAME AND FLAG FOR
BOOTH'S NEW ARMY.

"God's American Volunteers" to
Be the Title of the
Salvationists.

Their Banner Will Bear the Emblems
of Purity, Hope, Sacrifice
and Patriotism.

COMMISSIONER NICOL GOES HOME.

Suddenly Recalled to Explain the Condi-
tion of the Regular Army Here to
Commissioner Booth Tucker
Before the Latter Sails.

"God's American Volunteers" is the title
by which Ballington Booth's new Salvation
Army will be known. This decision was
reached by Mr. and Mrs. Booth yesterday.
The standard for the new organization
was also designed yesterday.

"It is to consist of a white flag, em-
blematic of purity," said Commissioner
Booth, "containing in its center a large
blue star, typical of hope. In the middle
of the star will be a white cross, em-
blematic of sacrifice for others."
"In the upper corner of the standard
nearest the flagstaff will be white stars
on a blue background, representing the
number of States in the Union. Over the
large central blue star will be the motto,
"The Lord, My Banner." Beneath it is to
be the words designating the number of the
post to which the standard is presented.
The standard will be carried by a color
sergeant at the head of all parades, side
by side with the American national flag."

Commander Booth has been busy for
some days interviewing members of or-
ganizations, among them several military
ones, regarding plans and resolutions for
the new movement. He said that within
one hour seventeen people had enrolled
themselves as members of the "Defenders
League," which to "God's American Vol-
unteers" occupies about the same position
as the Auxiliary League to the regular Sal-
vation Army.

REPLY TO GENERAL BOOTH.

General William Booth, according to a
cable message from London, has declared
that the existence of the Army depends
upon discipline, that he could make no
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hope to successfully conducting the Army
along the same lines as has Ballington
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PARIS HAS HER VANDALS.

Deputies Still Undecided About Ruining
Her Beauty for the Sake of the
Exhibition of 1900.

Paris, March 14.—In spite of two days'
warm and even acrimonious debate, no
vote was taken to-day in the Chamber of
Deputies respecting the form of the 1900
A. D. exhibition.

M. Trouillot advocated the necessity of
making the exhibition worthy of the repu-
tation and artistic taste of France, con-
tending it should be a lesson to all the
civilized world. He was, however, against
taking up the space on that marvellously
beautiful Champs Elysees, and did not be-
lieve the plans employed in the 1889 exhi-
bition could be improved on.

M. Trelat, who is a director of higher state
school architecture and chief architect of
Paris, said it would be vandalism to touch
the Place de la Concorde and the Champs
Elysees. The only good thing to be done
was the destruction of the Palais de L'In-
dustrie, but no avenue should be run
through the spot, only trees should be
planted there and lawns laid down.

Director General Picard, the Government
Commissionary, then addressed the House
lengthily, defending his plans in clear,
clever reasoning, which appeared to obtain
the approval of the majority of the De-
puties present, and suggested the result of
the vote, which will probably be taken at
Monday's session.

Public opinion varies greatly as to the
plans for the sites. The Comte De Chan-
dordy, an eminent diplomat, who has rep-
resented France at various foreign courts,
regards universal exhibitions as dangerous
from a political point of view.

MARSY IN THE PLOT.

The French Actress Charged with Having
Helped the Schemes of De
Cesti Against Lebaudy.

Paris, March 14.—All interest appears to
have been lost in the Lebaudy blackmailing
case.

Urie de Corry's counsel stated that his
client had always behaved in an honest
manner toward Lebaudy.

Maitre Jullien then addressed the Court
in favor of De Cesti, who, he contended,
really protected Lebaudy against the sharp-
ers who surrounded him, in particular with
regard to Runkler Balens, who absconded
with \$1,000,000 of the young millionaire's
money.

The attack against De Cesti, he said, was
made by Balens, who, he contended, was
clandestinely aided by Mlle. Marsy. The
counsel produced as proof of this alleged
plot a letter addressed to Balens by
Bertrand from Amelie Les Balens.

After this coup de theatre the court ad-
judged.

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